

*Bambos tulda*, a species of Burmese bamboo, which was introduced in 1907 from the Royal Botanic Garden, Sibpur, Calcutta (No. 21002), has been so successful both in the Canal Zone and in Porto Rico that the introduction by Dr. Proschowsky of what appears to be a hardier variety of this species from the Riviera (*Bambos tulda longispiculata*, No. 40936) is of unusual interest. No bamboo yet introduced has produced a quality of wood so suitable for split-bamboo fishing rods and talking-machine needles as the tulda, and there appears to be a strong demand for its culms.

The Para grass and Carib grass, both remarkable rank-growing foliage grasses from the Tropics, have grown successfully in southern Texas and in the Everglades and are yielding forage for cattle-raising purposes there; and the molasses grass (*Melinis minutiflora*, No. 41148), sent in by Mr. T. R. Day, of Macuco, Brazil, may succeed equally well and will at least be interesting to test in comparison with them.

Whether the elephant grass (*Saccharum ciliare*, No. 40989), which covers large areas in the Punjab, British India, and is frequently planted in lines or dividing hedges in low-lying places subject to periodic inundation, can be utilized in this country is a question worthy of investigation.

Mr. I. B. Pole Evans has sent in from British East Africa a grass (*Pennisetum longistylum*, No. 41055) which cattle eat greedily and which he reports to be one of the most promising in the country. Rhodes grass and Sudan grass have both been such distinctly profitable introductions from this general region that this new introduction will be watched with unusual interest.

Chinese names in this inventory have been brought, as far as possible, into accord with the best authorities, the geographic names (except when fixed by decisions of the United States Geographic Board) being given in the form accepted by the Chinese Ministry of Communications Postal Guide. Many of the names of the smaller villages, however, are not listed therein, and in all such cases the location of the village is given with reference to the nearest town mentioned in that work.

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